



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 822***

LCO No. 2780

Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by:  
(LAB)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SERVICES  
FOR THE BLIND.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 4-9a of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2003*):

4 (a) The Governor shall appoint the chairperson and executive  
5 director, if any, of all boards and commissions within the Executive  
6 Department, except the Board of Governors of Higher Education,  
7 provided the Governor shall appoint the initial chairman of said board  
8 as provided in section 10a-2, the State Properties Review Board, the  
9 State Elections Enforcement Commission, the Commission on Human  
10 Rights and Opportunities, the State Ethics Commission, the  
11 Commission on Aging, the Board of Education and Services for the  
12 Blind and the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control.

13 Sec. 2. Section 10-294 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
14 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

15 The [Governor] Board of Education and Services for the Blind shall  
 16 appoint an executive director of the board. [in accordance with the  
 17 provisions of section 4-9a.] The compensation of said director shall be  
 18 determined in the manner provided in section 4-40. No member of the  
 19 board shall receive compensation for services rendered unless such  
 20 services are special and specially requested by the board, in which case  
 21 a moderate allowance may be made for the time actually spent. The  
 22 certificate of the director of the amount of any bill for such services and  
 23 expenses shall be sufficient warrant to the Comptroller for the  
 24 payment of the same.

25 Sec. 3. Section 10-298a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
 26 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

27 [The Board of Education and Services for the Blind is authorized (1)  
 28 to] There shall be an Industries Division within the Board of Education  
 29 and Services for the Blind. There shall be a director of said division,  
 30 who shall be provided with sufficient staff. The division shall (1)  
 31 maintain and develop workshops for training and employing blind  
 32 persons in trades and occupations suited to their abilities, for the  
 33 purpose of producing suitable products and services used by  
 34 departments, agencies and institutions of the state and its political  
 35 subdivisions, including, but not limited to towns, cities, boroughs and  
 36 school districts; (2) [to] aid blind persons in securing employment, in  
 37 developing home industries and in marketing their products and  
 38 services; and (3) [to] develop and implement rules and guidelines to  
 39 guarantee that the dignity and rights of citizens involved in such  
 40 workshops and work training programs shall be maintained.

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| This act shall take effect as follows: |                        |
| Section 1                              | <i>October 1, 2003</i> |
| Sec. 2                                 | <i>October 1, 2003</i> |
| Sec. 3                                 | <i>from passage</i>    |

***Statement of Purpose:***

To allow the Board of Education and Services for the Blind to appoint its own executive director, and to require the board to maintain an Industries Division for the training and employment of blind persons.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*